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re going to get a German Shepherd," he said.
Berkowitz was also identified by one of his neighbors, Laura Pisaturo, as walking a dog in the parking lot at 35 Pine St., his address. Yet Berkowitz didn't have a dog of his own.
The "Son of Sam" letter to Breslin, in which John "Wheaties" Carr was listed as the "John Wheaties" also of the killer, has been the subject of much debate over its true authorship.
Handwriting expert Charles Hamilton states "I will say without any qualification whatsoever that David Berkowitz did not write that letter. Whoever wrote that letter to Breslin is possessed of a high degree of urbanity and wit, is well-educated and is able to make words flow together beautifully. Berkowitz can't do it, and his limited education shows in everything he writes," Hamilton says.
The police were duped into believing Berkowitz wrote it, and then convinced themselves he did it because they wanted to believe he did. But he didn't," Hamilton insists.
The "Son of Sam" symbol in the Breslin letter has itself been the subject of much study. Recently, however, these newspapers discovered a marked similarity between it and a portion of a larger symbol drawn in the 19th Century by famous occultist Eliphas Levi to represent a pact with "descending hierarchies."
Two words appear across the top of the original Levi symbol. They are: "BERKAIAL" and "AMASARAC."
Berkowitz's nickname is "BERK." "AMASARAC" written backwards — a common Satanist ploy — is CAR-A-SAM-A — or "SAM CARR."
This symbol, on which the "Son of Sam" symbol may have been based, was drawn by Eliphas Levi. The "Son of Sam" shooting that immediately followed the symbol's use in the Breslin letter was at a Queens discotheque. Its name: Elephas.
And in an earlier Son of Sam letter, also preceding the Elephas discotheque shooting — with none in between — the writer referred to himself as the "Chubby Behemoth." The behemoth, in the occult, is depicted as a chubby elephant. The Latin word for elephant is "elephas."
The Midwest occult expert, who because of his business position asked not to be identified, studied the letters for these newspapers. "I don't think there's much doubt that they borrowed from the Eliphas Levi symbol because of the connections to Berkowitz and Carr's names and the shooting scene, which appears to have been picked months in advance," he said.
The investigation by these newspapers also has shown that all but one of the shootings occurred near important Satanic festival days.
"I believe you are dealing with a sado-masochistic group with strong undertones of latent homosexuality," the expert said. "This is an evil group that turned to ritualistic killings, using the occult as an outlet and excuse for their own latent homosexual tendencies. They borrowed from Satanism, from magic, and what-ever they saw and liked.
"I see the Son of Sam symbol in this way: Mars and Venus, or man and woman, are on either side. They are separated by the "S" — Sam — who kills them as depicted by the cross above the "S."
"This is an extremely dangerous group," he said.

This symbol was drawn by 19th Century sorcerer Eliphas Levi. Is it connected to 'Son of Sam?'

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